# Minutes

Of The

## One Hundred Seventy-Sixth

## Annual Session

Of The

# ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Hosted By

## UNION GROVE CHURCH

## Union County, North Carolina

## September 19, 20, 21

# 2008

**OFFICERS**

Elder Newell Helms ..... Moderator
Brother Ken Austin ..... Clerk
Brother Tim Herrin ..... Assistant Clerk

3219 Baucom Manor Rd.
Monroe, NC 28110
(704) 753-1561

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

https://archive.org/details/minutesofonehund176orig

# Proceedings

## Of The 176th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 19, 2008

The association convened at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, NC, hosted by Union Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The congregation engaged in songs of praise after which Elder Branan Hooven led in prayer and Elder Newell Helms, pastor of Union Grove Church, preached the introductory sermon using Rom. 8:33 as a text "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth". The morning service was closed with prayer by Elder William Benton.

After a break for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Mitchell Phillips and convened for business. Elder Newell Helms served as Moderator, Brother Ken Austin served as clerk and Brother Tim Herrin served as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches whose messengers were announced by the assistant clerk and their status noted.

**BEAR CREEK:** Brethren Jimmy Dunn, Walter Almond, Curtis Furr, Greg Almond alternate.

**MOUNTAIN CREEK:** Brethren Mike Carter, Sherrill Vanhoy, Gary Earnhardt, Lane Vanhoy alternate.

**LAWYER'S SPRING:** Brethren Steven Helms, Ronnie Edwards, Brian Stewart, Joseph Helms alt.

**CROOKED CREEK:** Brethren Tim Simpson, Maurice Broadway, Marty Griffin, Richard Broadway, alternate.

**HIGH POINT:** Brethren Ted Myers, Hal Bouldin, Keith Hix.

**MEADOW CREEK:** Brethren Melvin Green, Tim Herrin, David Hutto, Jimmy Herrin alternate.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Brethren Allen Copple, Lindsey Allen, Scott Cole, Grayson Auman alternate.

**HIGH HILL:** Brethren Mitch Austin, Tim Speir, Aubrey Chaney, Marion Byrum alternate.

**PARKVIEW:** Brethren Rives Craven, Randy Wood, Barry Sawyers, James Vrobel alternate.
**LIBERTY HILL:** Brethren Reggie Medlin, Mark Stegall, Clarence Wallace, Ned Huneycutt alternate.
**PLEASANT GROVE:** Brethren Gary Reynolds, R.W. Knight, Dave Smith, Billy Simpson alt.
**UNION GROVE:** Represented by entire membership.
**BETHEL:** Brethren Edward Pressley, Cecil Suggs, Douglas McLamb, and Mike Muckenfuss and Bennett Justice alternates.
**CORINTH:** Brethren Jim Briscoe, Jimmy Briscoe, Mark Bumgardner, Jennings Hough alt.
**HERRIN'S GROVE:** Brethren Joe Furr, Chris Broadway, Clyde Smith.
**MILLS CHAPEL:** Brethren Johnny Efird, Joe Allman, Warren Griffin, Reed Shue alternate.
**NEW HOPE:** Brethren C. R. Smith, Edsel Thomas.

3. Called for letters of petition. None submitted.
4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

**PREACHING COMMITTEE:** Elders Larry Austin, E. W. Hooven, and Joe Helms. Brethren Lane Vanhoy, John Bowlin, Ed Pressley, Randy Williams
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Brethren Barry Helms, Phil Rash, W. T. Broadway, Richard Broadway, Dennis Pressley, Greg Almond, Eldridge Furr.

5. Called for presbytery reports: None submitted.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

**ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA:** Elder David Brooks, Elder Tony Parker, Elder Fred Williams, Brother Donald Parker, Sister Gail Parker, Brother Tracy Parker, Sister Amanda Parker, Brother Kenneth Stephenson, Brother Charles Helms, Brother Gary Meadows, Sister Brenda Johnson.
**ORIGINAL TOWALIGA:** No correspondence.
**LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA:** No Correspondence.
**TENNESSEE and NOLACHUCKY:** Sister Cassa Tipton.
**ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY:** Brother Dewey A. Hembree, Sister Lily M. Hembree.
**MT. ZION OF ALABAMA:** Elder Mitchell Phillips, Sister Gwen Phillips, Brother Mike Mitchell.
**SOUTH ARKANSAS:** Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not have direct correspondence and gladly received the following:

**SALEM ASSOCIATION (AR):** Elder Mark Green.

**REVEILLE CHURCH (AR):** Elder James Isaacs.

**FLAT CREEK CHURCH (NC):** Brother Wayne Gravely, Sister Ann Gravely.

**EBENEZER FELLOWSHIP (GA):** Elder Rubert E. Nobles, Sr., Elder Kermit Nobles.

**ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION (GA):** Elder Tommy Rountree, Sister Dottie Rountree.

**NORTH VIEW CHURCH (NC):** Elder Milton Gunter, Sister Betty Gunter.

**NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP:** Sister Sarah Nobles.

**NO CREEK CHURCH (NC):** Elder Eddie Fowler, Sister Beth Fowler, Sister Jana Fowler, Sister Libby Fowler, Brother Lester Snider, Sister Merlyn Snider.

**AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA):** Elder Dan Parker, Sister Karen Parker.

**MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION (WV):** Brother Larry Lilly, Sister Ruby Lilly.

**PINE CHURCH (NC):** Letter and contribution.

**MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NC):** Elder Curtis Hash, Sister Wanda Hash.

**SENTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NC):** Minutes.

**OAKWOOD CHURCH (TN):** Elder Daniel Wood.

**AUGUSTA OLD LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (GA):** Elder Dwayne Hooven.

**LOTTS CREEK ASSOCIATION (GA):** Sister Amanda Stewart.

**ROSE HILL CHURCH (TN):** Sister Celeste Tipton.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association.)

**LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA**, (4th weekend, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms, Elder W. M. Benton, Brethren Barry Cole, Jimmy Dunn, Minutes.

**ORIGINAL TOWALIGA**, (1st weekend, Sept.): Minutes.

**LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA**, (3rd weekend, Aug.): Elder E. W. Hooven, Minutes.

**TENNESSEE and NOLACHUCKY**, (2nd weekend, Sept.): Elders Larry Austin and Joe Helms, Brother Tom Vanhoy.

**ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY**, (3rd weekend, Aug.): Elder Joe Helms, Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Jimmy Dunn, Minutes.

**MT. ZION OF ALABAMA**, ( 2nd weekend, Sept.): Elders E. W. Hooven, Newell Helms.

**SOUTH ARKANSAS**, (3rd weekend, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Jared Smith was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting continuing at the Agri-Civic Center. The business meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Rom Kerley.

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at the Agri-Civic Center. After prayer by Elder Rommie Williams, the business continued as follows:

12. Elder Jared Smith acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items six and seven.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

| | |
|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $9,640.00 |
| Received from friends | $20.00 |
| Total receipts | $9660.00 |

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and the clerk was instructed to include it in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| November, 2008 | Parkview |
| March, 2009 | Pleasant Hill |
| May, 2009 | Liberty Hill |
| August, 2009 | Bethel |

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Bear Creek Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 2009 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and loving kindness and to the members and friends of Union Grove Church for their unselfish labors during this meeting. We also wish to thank the staff of the Agri-Civic Center for their kind assistance.

Elder Newell Helms, moderator (assisted by Elder Jared Smith)
Brother Ken Austin, clerk
Brother Tim Herrin, assistant clerk

~ ~ ~ • ~ ~ ~

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $9,640.00 |
| Received from friends | $20.00 |
| Total Receipts | $9660.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Printing minutes and other clerk's expenses | $750.00 |
| Agri-Civic Center Rent | $1,600.00 |
| Ministers | $7,310.00 |
| Total disbursements | $9,660.00 |

## *Corresponding Letter*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters of like precious faith,*

*We are thankful that God has blessed us once again to come together for the One Hundred Seventy-Sixth annual session of the Original Bear Creek Association. We welcome all our visitors and friends to this meeting and pray God's presence may be felt as we worship our risen and reigning Savior Jesus Christ. We are thankful for your presence here with us and we desire your continued fellowship.*

*May God pour out His blessings upon this meeting and may we offer our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. May we be a beacon of light in this world as we continue to follow the teaching of the scriptures. Let us continually look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith as we seek to walk in newness of life and set our affection on things above. May all that is said and done be to the glory of God.*

*We look forward to this meeting and hope you will continue to pray for us and visit as often as you can.*

*In His Service,*
*Elder Jared Smith*

# *In Memoriam*

***Precious to us are the memories of those who have passed this life since our last meeting. We sorrow with their families and we anticipate that day when we will all meet again.***

| | |
|---|---|
| Bear Creek Church | Sister Edith Whitley Moser |
| Bethel Church | Sister Emma Neil Pierce<br>Sister Gerthel Linkous |
| Crooked Creek Church | Sister Ruth Kiker |
| Herrin's Grove Church | Brother Randy Cunningham |
| High Hill Church | Brother Ray Whitley |
| High Point Church | Sister Nellie Hickerson<br>Sister Pat Strickland<br>Sister Hilda Clinard |
| Liberty Hill Church: | Sister Margaret Dennis<br>Brother Clyde Honeycutt<br>Brother Rayvon Herrin |
| Meadow Creek Church: | Sister Pauline Almond<br>Sister J. V. Lambert<br>Sister Lectie Collins |
| Mills Chapel Church: | Brother Bill Haley<br>Sister Minnie Crouse |
| Mountain Creek Church: | Sister Pauline Burris<br>Sister Rachel Edwards<br>Sister Betty Vanhoy |
| Pleasant Grove Church: | Sister Ollie Clontz |
| Pleasant Hill Church: | Sister Aggie Macon<br>Brother Jerry Lucas |
| Union Grove Church: | Sister Josephine Moser<br>Sister Virginia Taylor<br>Sister Louise Austin |

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | Communion Sundays | Rec'd. by baptism | Rec'd. by relation | Rec'd. by letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total membership | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bear Creek | Elder Rommie Williams | 2nd Aug | | | | | | | 1 | 19 | $650 |
| Mountain Creek | Elder Joe C. Helms | 3rd Jul | | | | | 1 | | 3 | 52 | $700 |
| Lawyer's Spring | Elder Joe C. Helms | 1st Aug | | | | | 1 | | | 34 | $415 |
| Crooked Creek | Elder Larry Austin | 4th Jul [1] | | | | | | | 1 | 33 | $500 |
| High Point | Elder Steven Nichols | 4th May | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 39 | $450 |
| Meadow Creek | Elder Eddie Fowler | 1st Jun | 2 | | | | 2 | | 3 | 43 | $1,040 |
| Pleasant Hill | Elder David Brooks | 3rd Jun | | | | | 6 | 1 | 2 | 32 | $535 |
| High Hill | Elder Newell Helms | 1st Sept [2] | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 74 | $600 |
| Parkview | Elder E. W. Hooven | 3rd May | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 9 | | 88 | $675 |
| Liberty Hill | Elder Rom Kerley | 1st Jul | | | | | | | 3 | 49 | $850 |
| Pleasant Grove | Elder Joe C. Helms | 2nd Jul | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 31 | $600 |
| Union Grove | Elder Newell Helms, Elder Jared Smith | 2nd Aug | 5 | | 5 | | | | 3 | 129 | $800 |
| Bethel | Elder Branan Hooven | 1st Jun | 2 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 75 | $500 |
| Corinth | Elder Rommie Williams | 1st May | | | | | | | | 13 | $300 |
| Herrin's Grove | Elder Charles Broadway | 4th Jun [3] | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 24 | $250 |
| Mills Chapel | Elder Rom Kerley | 2nd Jun | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 29 | $500 |
| New Hope | Elder David Anderson | 4th Aug | | | | | | | | 4 | $200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | 17 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 26 | 768 | $9,565 |

[1] Friday night before

[2] Also, Sat night before 3rd Sun. in April

[3] Saturday night before

**Friday morning:** *Prayer:* Elder Branan Hooven
**Introductory Sermon: Elder Newell Helms**
**Rom 8:33,** Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
**Rom 5:12,** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Rom 5:18**, Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. **Ps 89:27, 34, 36**. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.
*Prayer:* Elder William Benton

**Friday afternoon:** *Prayer:* Elder Joe Helms
**Elder Milton Gunter**
**Is 50:10-11** Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. **II Cor 1:10** Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us. **Col 3:3,** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **Matt 5:14, 16** Ye are the light of the world, A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **Eph 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
**Elder Curtis Hash**
**Heb 8:1** Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
**Heb 9:22**, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood: and without shedding of blood is no remission.
**Elder James Isaacs**
**Rom 10**, Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
**I Cor 1:30**, But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. **Rom 4:25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. **II Cor 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. **Heb 1:3** when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. **Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.
*Prayer:* Elder Newell Helms

**Friday night:** *Prayer:* Elder David Anderson
**Elder Mark Green**
**I Tim 3:15,** the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. Types of deafness: 1. Deafness of Death. **Ps 58:4,5,** the wicked are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; which will not hearken to the voice of the charmers, charming never so wisely. **John**

**8:42,43,** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me. Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. **John 5:25,** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 2. Deafness of Distraction. **Col 3:2,** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3. Deafness of Distance. **2 Cor 12:2-4**, I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **Rev 5:9-12**.
*Prayer:* Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr.

**Saturday morning:** *Prayer:* Brother Wayne Gravely
**Elder Tony Parker**
**Is 5:1-4** Now will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you betwixt me and my vineyard. What could I have done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?
**Is 2:4**, And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **Matt 13:23**, But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also bringeth forth fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. **Matt 21:42-43**, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

**Elder Mitchell Phillips**
**Prov 11:15** He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretyship is sure.
**Heb 7:22** By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. **Heb 9:12, 14**, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **Heb 13:22**, And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation.
**Elder Fred Williams**
**Ps 100,** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his

gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*Prayer:* Elder Branan Hooven

**Saturday afternoon:** Prayer: Elder David Brooks

**Elder Kermit Nobles**

**Prov 31:10**, Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. **Prov 30:2-6**, Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

**Elder Tommy Rountree**

**Ps 29:4**, The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **Gen 18:14,** Is anything too hard for the Lord? **Job 38:1**, The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind. **John 5:25**, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. **Ps 115:3**, But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. **Jer 31:3**, The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. **Rev 14:2**, And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder. **Job 14:14-15**, If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

**Elder Dwayne Hooven**

**I Pet 3:14-16,** But and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear; Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. **Mark 5:18-19**, And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

**Saturday afternoon:** *Prayer:* Elder Daniel Wood

**Elder Dan Parker**

**Is 45:12**, But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation. **Rom 9:6, 8**, For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel. They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. **Rom 11:26, 28**, And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. **Rom 10:1-2**, Brethren, may heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

**Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr.**

**Is 42:4,** He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. **John 15:13,14,** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. **Jer 6:16,** Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein. **Matt 1:18-21,** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

*Prayer:* Elder Eddie Fowler

**Sunday morning:** *Prayer:* Elder Mitchell Phillips

**Elder Mark Green**

**Rom 8:28**, And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **John 5:42**, But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. **Ps 22:9**, But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. **Luke 1:41, 44**, And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb. "For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy." **Rom 3:11**, There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

**Elder James Isaacs**

**1 John 2:1,2** My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **Titus 3:3**, For we ourselves were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. **Rom 9:1-7, Rom 9:8**, The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest. **Rom 9:11,12**, But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **Rom 10:18-25**, Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water, Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

*Prayer:* Elder E. W. Hooven

## HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

# Elders:

**David Anderson**, 23136 Burris Road, Albemarle, NC 28001 ..... (704) 982-9087
**Larry B. Austin**, 4108 Old Camden Road, Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 283-6505
**W. M. Benton**, 104 Lee Drive, Leland, NC 28451 ..... (910) 371-6445
**Charles A. Broadway**, 1038 Roanoke Church Road, Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 225-8147
**Joe C. Helms**, 339 Upper White Store Road, Peachland, NC 28133 ..... (704) 272-8308
**Newell Helms**, 2800 Reece Drive, Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 283-6570
**Branan Hooven**, 191 Boundryline Dr., Calabash, NC 28467 ..... (910) 525-8355
**E. W. Hooven**, 1320 Woodbrook Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284 ..... (336) 996-2022
**Rom Kerley**, 115 Mink Drive (Hwy. 152 East), Salisbury, NC 28146 ..... (704) 857-7610
**Charles L. Smith**, 3912 Faith Church Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079 ..... (704) 882-4217
**Jared Smith**, 209 Vanderbilt Blvd., Locust, NC 28097 ..... (704) 888-4889
**Roy Speir**, 5700 Concord Hwy., Monroe NC 28110 ..... (704) 753-5468
**F. W. Stack**, 707 Sutherland Ave., Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 283-8480
**Rommie Williams**, 3111 Ansonville Road, Marshville, NC 28103 ..... (704) 624-5987

## VISITING MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

# Elders:

**David Brooks**, 609 Monger Ln., Sanford, NC 27330 ..... (919) 776-0521
**Eddie Fowler**, 2025 Marguerite Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205 ..... (704) 375-1027
**Milton Gunter**, 1105 Branscome Young Rd., Danbury, NC 27016 ..... (336) 593-8408
**Mark Green**, 156 Davis Rd, Booneville, AR 72927 ..... (479) 675-4406
**Curtis D. Hash**, 2495 Powerhouse Rd., Independence, VA 24348 ..... (276) 773-2975
**Dwayne Hooven**, 4549 Reigate Ct, Evans, GA 30809 ..... (706) 922-5349
**James Isaacs**, 351 Chigger Valley Rd, Magazine, AR 72943 ..... (479) 963-3163
**Kermit Nobles**, 250 Harold Sanders Rd, Danville, GA 31017 ..... (478) 962-3995
**Rubert E. Nobles, Sr.**, 10850 SE 25th Ave, Trenton, FL ..... (352) 463-7810
**Dan Parker,** 295 Sweden Fall Lane., Blairs, VA 24527 ..... (434) 836-6036
**Tony Parker**, 1050 U.S. 701 South, Four Oaks, NC 27524 ..... (919) 934-8511
**Mitchell Phillips**, 417 Linwood Ave, Albertville, AL 35950 ..... (256) 878-3755
**Tommy Rountree**, 231 Harmon Road, Swainsboro, GA 30401 ..... (478) 237-5387
**Fred Williams**, 9934 W. Reeves Bridge Rd., Linden, NC 28356 ..... (910) 980-0588
**Daniel Wood**, 7128 Hurst Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918 ..... (865) 363-9644

**Licentiate:**

**Wayne Gravely**, 7362 Volunteer Rescue Rd, Denton, NC ..... (336) 857-2871

# CHURCH MEETING TIMES

**Bear Creek:** 2nd Sun. morning and Sat. night before; 4th Sun. night, Pastor.

**Bethel:** Each Sunday morning 10:30am and Wed. evening at 7:00pm, Pastor.

**Corinth:** 1st Sun. morning, Pastor; 2nd Sun. morning, Elder Floyd Stack. 4th Sun morning, Elder David Anderson.

**Crooked Creek:** 2nd Sun. morning, Elder Charles Smith; 4th Sun. morning and Wed. night before, Pastor.

**Herrin's Grove:** 1st Sun. morning, 2nd Sun. morning; 4th Sun. morning and each Wednesday night.

**High Hill:** 1st Sun. morning and 3rd Sun. morning. Wed. night after the 2nd Sun (conference), Wed. night after the 4th Sun.

**High Point:** 2nd Sun. morning; 4th Sun. morning and Sat. before at 1:30pm, Pastor.

**Lawyer's Spring:** 1st Sun. morning and Sat. afternoon before at 3pm, Pastor, 3rd Sun. morning, Elder Williams.

**Liberty Hill:** 1st Sun. morning 10:30am and Sat. night before at 7pm, Pastor; 2nd Sun. morning 10:30am, Elder Austin.

**Meadow Creek:** 1st and 3rd Sun. mornings, Pastor, 4th Sun. mornings Elder Charles Smith, 2nd Sun. night 6:00pm, visiting Elders or Pastor.

**Mills Chapel:** 2nd Sun. morning and Sat. night before; 4th Sun. morning, Pastor.

**Mountain Creek:** 3rd Sun. morning and Sat. night before, Pastor; 4th Sun. morning, Elder Williams.

**New Hope:** 2nd Sun. morning, Pastor; 4th Sun. morning Elder David Brooks.

**Park View:** Each Sunday morning, and Sat. night before the 3rd Sun., Pastor.

**Pleasant Grove:** 2nd Sun. morning and Sat. night before, Pastor; 3rd Sun. morning, Elder Kerley.

**Pleasant Hill:** 1st Sun. morning; 3rd Sun. morning and Sat. night before 6:30pm.

**Union Grove:** Each Sunday morning at 10:30am. 2nd and 4th Sun. mornings, Pastor; 1st and 3rd Sun. mornings, Elder Jared Smith.

## CHURCH CLERKS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

**Bear Creek:**
Greg Almond, 24953 Millingport Rd., Locust, NC 28097 ..... (704) 485-8635

**Bethel:**
Mason H. Anderson, 380 S. Middleton Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 28467 ..... (910) 287-6218

**Corinth:**
Jim Briscoe, 4311 Freeport Dr., Gastonia, NC 28052 ..... (704) 864-6274

**Crooked Creek:**
W T Broadway, 5310 N Rocky River Rd, Indian Trl, NC 28079 ..... (704) 882-1022

**Herrin's Grove:**
Homer Freeman, PO Box 365, Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124-0365 ..... (704) 786-9310

**High Hill:**
Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 289-4340

**High Point:**
Keith Hix, 140(4) Koonce Drive, Trinity, NC 27370 ..... (336) 861-9437

**Lawyer's Spring:**
Mike Helms, 29706 Hollybrook Dr., Albemarle, NC 28001 ..... (704) 982-7124

**Liberty Hill:**
Reggie J Medlin, 36804 Mauldin Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001 ..... (704) 982-3088

**Meadow Creek:**
Marshall Gaskey, Jr., 1507 Newgate Ct., Concord, NC 28027 ..... (704) 786-9642

**Mills Chapel:**
Johnny Efird, 195 Adrian Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146 ..... (704) 279-7670

**Mountain Creek:**
Tim Huneycutt, 38635 Airport Rd., New London, NC 28127 ..... (704) 982-7000

**New Hope:**
Clarence R. Smith, 10657 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, SC 29016 ..... (803) 786-6788

**Parkview:**
Elwood Ashby, 4175 Grubbs Rd., Walkertown, NC 27051 ..... (336) 595-2746

**Pleasant Grove:**
R. W. Knight, 3804 Mullis-Newsome Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 283-4284

**Pleasant Hill:**
Allen Copple, 6356 US Hwy. 220 S., Asheboro, NC 27203 ..... (336) 873-7384

**Union Grove:**
Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 ..... (704) 283-4104

# Articles of Faith

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostasy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and the general judgement.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

## RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.
2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.
3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.
4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship before it has been passed upon by the local churches shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.
5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

# Bear Creek Association Regular Church Meeting Times

(Please attend your church and visit with sister churches as often as possible. We will all be blessed by doing this)

| | Sat. before | 1st Sun. | Wed. after | Sat. before | 2nd Sun. | Wed. after | Sat. before | 3rd Sun. | Wed. after | Sat. before | 4th Sun. | Wed. after | Sat. before | 5th Sun. | Wed. after |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bear Creek** | | | | 7:00p | 10:30a | | | | | | 7:00p | | | | |
| **Bethel** | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p |
| **Corinth** | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | | | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Crooked Creek** | | | | | 10:30a | | | | 7:00p | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Herrin's Grove** | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | | 7:00p | | 10:30a | 7:00p | | | 7:00p |
| **High Hill** | | 10:30a | | | | 7:00p | | 10:30a | | | | 7:00p | | | |
| **High Point** | | | | | 10:30a | | | | | 1:30p | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Lawyer's Spring** | 3:00p | 10:30a | | | | | | 10:30a | | | | | | | |
| **Liberty Hill** | 7:00p | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Meadow Creek** | | 10:30a | | | 6:00P | | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Mills Chapel** | | | | 7:00p | 10:30a | | | | | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Mountain Creek** | | | | | | | 7:00p | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **New Hope** | | | | | 10:30a | | | | | | 10:30a | | | | |
| **Park View** | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | 700 p | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | |
| **Pleasant Grove** | | | | 7:00p | 10:30a | | ~~10:30a~~ | 10:30a | | | | | | | |
| **Pleasant Hill** | | 10:30a | | | | | 6:30p | 10:30a | | | | | | | |
| **Union Grove** | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | | | 10:30a | |

## LOCATION OF CHURCHES

**Bear Creek:** On 22182 Canton Road just west of Millingport Road, approximately 6 miles west of Albemarle, NC.

**Bethel:** On 1010 Hickman Rd. NW. Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.

**Corinth:** South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.

**Crooked Creek:** Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.

**Herrin's Grove:** Four miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, NC, 2 miles south of Hwy 73 just off Bridge Road on Herrin's Grove Church Road.

**High Hill:** 2225 Concord Ave, Monroe, NC (Between Hwy. 74 and Hwy. 601).

**High Point:** 209 Rock Springs Rd., 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.

**Lawyer's Spring:** Just south of Hwy 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.

**Liberty Hill:** Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Hwy 27 near Red Cross.

**Meadow Creek:** 1493 Meadow Creek Church Rd., Locust, NC (between Hwy 27 W. and Hwy 200 N.)

**Mills Chapel:** On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601/29 in Kannapolis, NC.

**Mountain Creek:** Five miles north of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.

**New Hope:** Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Old Leesburg Road.

**Parkview:** 3209 Ridgewood Rd., 4 miles south of Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, NC.

**Pleasant Grove:** 3.5 miles north of Marshville, NC approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.

**Pleasant Hill:** Ten miles south of Asheboro, NC. From Interstate 73/74 take New Hope Church Rd. exit (exit 49) and go 3 miles.

**Union Grove:** 3613 Morgan Mill Road (Hwy 200) approximately 4 miles north of Monroe, NC.